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RWANDA UPDATE: STATUS REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

Goldstone had a successful trip to Rwanda on December 19 - 21. The Rwandans pledged full cooperation with the Tribunal. Goldstone also identified a building for his prosecutor's office.

A Deputy Prosecutor from Madagascar has been selected. He awaits final approval from Boutros Ghali but he was the SYG's choice. The Deputy will be based in Kigali and is expected to begin his duties informally in the near future.

Goldstone has asked us to purchase the initial computer equipment to house a team of 20, which we are in the process of doing. Additional staff will be added in phased-in approaches.

We still have heard no confirmation from DOJ or FBI on whether they will provide personnel. They are awaiting word from the Tribunal as to whether the Tribunal can offer direct hire positions or reimbursements for some of the Yugoslav detailees; this would then be used to help alleviate the resource burden for Rwanda. The Deputy Prosecutor of the Tribunal has indicated that the UN may have difficulties with offering additional positions to Americans so Goldstone will have to push the UN on this.

Bob Whitehead, who will be in Kigali for two weeks, has offered to investigate what it would take to make the Ambassador's former residence appropriate as accommodations for USG personnel in the event that it is decided to use the residence for this purpose. This would help to encourage agencies to send USG personnel.

The Soros Foundation has agreed to financially support an NGO Support Group designed to raise financial and other support for the Yugoslav and Rwanda Tribunals. The Foundation is in the process of developing a plan of action and is preparing a short summary of the support group, which should be handed out at the meeting.

The British First Secretary came to L for a meeting to make sure we were in sink on Tribunal issues for the OSG meeting. The Brits want it to soon be established the categories of cases the Tribunal will prosecute and how deep the national prosecutions will go. They also are concerned that we begin thinking about detention facilities for perpetrators. They are going to consider what kind of assistance they could offer for the Tribunal and national justice system. They are also going to inquire whether the Brits would be willing to co-chair the NGO support group effort.

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